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Identical letters dated 13 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations committed from 15 to 21 September 2009 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 15, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 13 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 15 to 21 September 2009

Air violations

On 15 September 2009:

- Between 0745 and 1510 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah, flew north as far as Nabatiyah and circled over the South. It then flew towards the Bekaa and circled between Baalbek and Riyaq before flying south and leaving over Alma al-Sha'b;
- Between 0800 and 1710 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Alma al-Sha'b, flew north as far as Jazzin and circled over the South before leaving over Rumaysh;
- Eight Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace as follows:

• At 1020 hours, two warplanes entered over Aytarun and flew north as far as Beirut;

• At 1022 hours, a further two warplanes entered over Aytarun and flew north as far as Beirut;

All four warplanes circled over Beirut and the South before leaving at 1050 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.

• At 1025 hours, two warplanes entered over Kafr Killa and flew north as far as Shikka. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1140 hours over the sea off Tripoli, flying towards Turkey;

• At 1150 hours, two warplanes entered over the sea off Beirut and flew south-east. They left at 1157 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 16 September 2009:

- Between 0700 and 1740 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Alma al-Sha'b, flew north as far as Jazzin and circled over the South, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving over Naqurah;
- Between 0850 and 1055 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They entered over Aytarun and flew north as far as Tripoli. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Kafr Killa;
- At 2314 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Shikka and flying east. They circled over the regions of Baalbek, Hirmil and the North before leaving at 0035 hours on 17 September 2009 over the sea off Naqurah.

On 17 September 2009:

- Between 0730 and 1530 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and circled over the South before leaving over Rumaysh;

- Between 1930 and 2045 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They entered over the sea to the west of Shikka and circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over the sea to the west of Naqurah;

- Between 2130 and 2300 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They entered over the sea to the west of Juniyah and circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Naqurah.

On 18 September 2009, between 0705 and 1920 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Rumaysh, flew north and circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

Sea violations

On 15 September 2009:

- At 2110 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position at Ra's Naqurah, encroached some 50 metres on Lebanese territorial waters, directing some 25 bursts of medium-weapon gunfire towards a Lebanese fishing boat;

- At 2110 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat encroached some 300 metres on Lebanese territorial waters, directing a searchlight for five seconds towards a Lebanese fishing boat in the region of buoy No. 4;

- At approximately 2137 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat encroached some 20 metres on Lebanese territorial waters, directing some eight bursts of medium-weapon gunfire towards buoy No. 3.

On 17 September 2009, at 2203 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position at Ra's Naqurah, encroached some 200 metres on Lebanese territorial waters, directing a searchlight for five seconds towards a Lebanese fishing boat to the north of buoy No. 3.

On 18 September 2009, at 0426 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat encroached some 1 kilometre on Lebanese territorial waters, directing a searchlight for nine seconds towards the north of buoy No. 2.

On 19 September 2009, at 1935 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat encroached some 200 metres on Lebanese territorial waters, directing a searchlight towards a Lebanese fishing boat to the north of buoy No. 3. It did so again, for 30 seconds, at 1942 hours.

Acts of aggression in the field

On 16 September 2009:

- At 1000 hours, within the occupied Palestinian territories opposite Kafr Killa-Fatima gate, two members of an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Hummer 2 jeep directed, in passing, offensive finger gestures towards a Lebanese Army corporal who was supervising a road block near the Fatima gate position;

– At 1820 hours, within the occupied Palestinian territories opposite Kafr Killa-Fatima gate, two members of an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Hummer 3 jeep directed, in passing, offensive finger gestures towards a Lebanese Army corporal who was on sentry duty at the aforementioned gate.

On 19 September 2009, at 2005 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Hummer 2 jeep halted opposite the Fatima gate and its members directed verbal abuse at soldiers at the Lebanese Army position.

On 21 September 2009, at 2239 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Hummer 2 jeep approached from a position east of Markaba. It halted at the Markaba position junction and directed searchlights towards Lebanese territory for 30 seconds before moving off in the direction of the Hula position.